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Multilingualism in the English-Speaking World: Pedigree of Nations explores the consequences of English as a global language and multilingualism as a social phenomenon. Written accessibly, it explores the extent of diversity in ‘inner circle’ English speaking countries (the UK, the USA, Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand) and examines language in the home, school, and the wider community.

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• Examines the everyday realities of people living in ‘inner circle’ English-speaking countries, such as the UK, USA, Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.
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